



Irving Police Department

INFORMATION RELEASE

St. Patrick's Day Weekend DWI No-Refusal Operation

Irving, Texas – March 14, 2019 – The Irving Police Department will conduct a DWI No-Refusal operation during the St. Patrick's Day holiday weekend. Additional officers, whose primary focus will be to locate and arrest impaired drivers, will be on duty. The operation will begin on Saturday, March 16th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and will end on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 5:00 a.m.

The Department will utilize a no-refusal approach to DWI enforcement. Persons arrested for DWI will be offered a blood test only (no breath tests). Officers will seek a search warrant, signed by a judge, in order to obtain a sample from anyone refusing consent to a blood test.

The Irving Police Department encourages drivers to “Plan While You Can” to avoid the consequences of impaired driving. A person's abilities, decision making skills and judgment can diminish while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Consider the use of a taxi or car service, a designated driver or public transportation as an alternative to driving after drinking.

If you see a suspected drunk driver, and you (or a passenger) can do so safely, please call 9-1-1 with the information.

For more information on this or other special enforcement efforts and education please contact Sgt. William McConnell, Special Operations Division, Irving Police Department (972) 721-7833.

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